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Mr. SPECTATOR, *Oxford, June* 10.

'ACcording to a late Invitation in one of your Papers to every Man who pleaſes to write, I have ſent you the following ſhort Diſſertation againſt the Vice of being prejudiced.

Your moſt Humble Servant.

MAN is a ſociable Creature, and a Lover of Glory; whence it is, that when ſeveral Perſons are united in the ſame Society, they are ſtudious to leſſen the Reputation of others, in order to raiſe their own. The Wiſe are content to guide the Springs in Silence, and rejoice in Secret at their regular Progreſs: To prate and triumph is the Part allotted to the Trifling and Superficial: The Geeſe were providentially ordained to ſave the *Capitol*. Hence it is, that the Invention of Marks and Devices to diſtinguiſh Parties, is owing to the *Beaux* and *Belles* of this Iſland. Hats moulded into different Cocks and Pinches, have long bid mutual Defiance; Patches have been ſet againſt Patches in Battle-Array; Stocks have riſen or fallen in Proportion to Head-Dreſſes; and Peace or War been expected, as the *White* or the *Red* Hood hath prevail'd. Theſe are the Standard-Bearers in our contending Armies, the Dwarfs and Squires who carry the Impreſſes of the Giants or Knights, not born to fight themſelves, but to prepare the Way for the enſuing Combat.

'It is Matter of Wonder to reflect how far Men of weak Underſtanding and ſtrong Fancy are hurried by their Prejudices, even to the believing that the whole Body of the adverſe Party are a Band of Villains and Dæmons. Foreigners complain, that the *Engliſh* are the proudeſt Nation under Heaven. Perhaps they too have their Share; but, be that as it will, general Charges againſt Bodies of Men is the Fault I am writing againſt. It muſt be own'd, to our Shame, that our common People, and moſt who have not travell'd, have an irrational Contempt for the Language, Dreſs, Cuſtoms, and even the Shape and Minds of other Nations. Some Men, otherwiſe of Senſe, have wonder'd that a great Genius ſhould ſpring out of *Ireland*; and think you mad in affirming, that fine Odes have been written in *Lapland*.

'This Spirit of Rivalſhip, which heretofore reign'd in the Two Univerſities, is extinct, and almoſt over betwixt College and College: In Pariſhes and Schools the Thirſt of Glory ſtill obtains. At the Seaſons of Foot-ball and Cock-fighting, theſe little Republicks reaſſume their national Hatred to each other. My Tenant in the Country is verily perſwaded, that the Pariſh of the Enemy hath not one honeſt Man in it.

'I always hated Satyrs againſt Woman, and Satyrs againſt Man; I am apt to ſuſpect a Stranger who laughs at the Religion of *The Faculty*: My Spleen riſes at a dull Rogue, who is ſevere upon Mayors and Aldermen; and was never better pleaſed than with a Piece of Juſtice executed upon the Body of a Templer, who was very arch upon Parſons.

'The Neceſſities of Mankind require various Employments; and whoever excells in his Province is worthy of Praiſe. All Men are not educated after the ſame Manner, nor have all the ſame Talents. Thoſe who are deficient deſerve our Compaſſion, and have a Title to our Aſſiſtance. All cannot be bred in the ſame Place; but in all Places there ariſe, at different Times, ſuch Perſons as do Honour to their Society, which may raiſe Envy in little Souls, but are admir'd and cheriſh'd by generous Spirits.

'It is certainly a great Happineſs to be educated in Societies of great and eminent Men. Their Inſtructions and Examples are of extraordinary Advantage. It is highly proper to inſtill ſuch a Reverence of the governing Perſons, and Concern for the Honour of the Place, as may ſpur the growing Members to worthy Purſuits and honeſt Emulation: But to ſwell young Minds with vain Thoughts of the Dignity of their own Brotherhood, by debaſing and villifying all others, doth them a real Injury. By this means I have found that their Efforts have become languid, and their Prattle irkſome, as thinking it ſuffici-

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ent Praiſe that they are Children of ſo illuſtrious and ample a Family. I ſhould think it a ſurer, as well as more generous Method, to ſet before the Eyes of Youth ſuch Perſons as have made a noble Progreſs in Fraternities leſs talk'd of; which ſeem tacitly to reproach their Sloth, who loll ſo heavily in the Seats of mighty Improvement: Active Spirits hereby would enlarge their Notions, whereas by a ſervile Imitation of one, or perhaps two, admired Men in their own Body, they can only gain a ſecondary and derivative kind of Fame. Theſe Copies of Men, like thoſe of Authors or Painters, run into Affectations of ſome Oddneſs, which perhaps was not diſagreeable in the Original, but ſits ungracefully on the narrow-ſoul'd Tranſcriber.

'By ſuch early Corrections of Vanity, while Boys are growing into Men, they will gradually learn not to cenſure ſuperficially; but imbibe thoſe Principles of general Kindneſs and Humanity, which alone can make them eaſie to themſelves, and beloved by others.

'Reflections of this Nature have expunged all Prejudices out of my Heart, inſomuch, that tho' I am a firm Proteſtant, I hope to ſee the Pope and Cardinals without violent Emotions; and tho' I am naturally grave, I expect to meet good Company at *Paris*.

I am, SIR,

Your Obedient Servant.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I Find you are a general Undertaker, and have 'by your Correſpondents or ſelf an Inſight 'into moſt things; which makes me apply my ſelf 'to you at preſent in the ſoreſt Calamity that ever 'befel Man. My Wife has taken ſomething ill of 'me, and has not ſpoke one Word, good or bad, 'to me, or any Body in the Family, ſince *Friday* 'was Sevennight. What muſt a Man do in that 'Caſe? Your Advice would be a great Obligation 'to,

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,

Ralph Thimbleton.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'WHEN you want a Triſle to fill up a Paper, 'in inſerting this you will lay an Obligation on

July 15th, 1712.

Your humble Servant,

Olivio.

Dear Olivia,

"IT is but this Moment I have had the Happi- "neſs of knowing to whom I am oblig'd for "the Preſent I receiv'd the ſecond of *April*. I am "heartily ſorry it did not come to Hand the Day "before; for I can't but think it very hard upon "People to loſe their Jeſt, that offer at one but once "a Year. I congratulate my ſelf however upon the "Earneſt given me of ſomething further intended "in my Favour; for I am told, that the Man who "is thought worthy by a Lady to make a Fool of, "ſtands fair enough in her Opinion to become one "Day her Husband. Till ſuch Time as I have "the Honour of being ſworn, I take Leave to ſub- "ſcribe my ſelf,

Dear Olivia,

Your Fool Elect,

Nicodemuncio.

At the Requeſt of ſeveral Perſons of Quality. By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, on Friday next, being the 18th of July, will be preſented a Play called, Sophoniſba, or Hannibal's Overthrow. The Part of Maſſiniſſa to be perform'd by Mr. Booth, Sophoniſba by Mrs. Rogers, Roſalinda by Mrs. Bradſhaw. To which will be added the laſt new Farce (of one Act only) call'd the Petticoat Plotter. The principal Parts to be perform'd by Mr. Bullock, Mr. Norris, Mr. Pack, and Mr. Bullock, Junior. By Her Majeſty's Command no Perſons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

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